



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

October 17, 2016

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call – 7:15 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	X	Vacant (resident)	
Robert Palmer		Max Dubuisson	X
Bernie Pelletier	X	Vacant (staff)	
Joe Campanella			
Chris Nelson	X		
Total	4		
Additional Attendees	John Phillips (DPW Director), Kristen Brown & Bob Morla (Consultants, Waste Zero), Ted Lowenthal, Dan Tavelli, Dave Mello, Gerry Hayes, Corey Lesniak, Matt Macunas		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 12, 2016 - **approved**

3. Communications/Administration

- a. Alternate candidates – **postponed**

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Hotel LEED update
- b. Street Light update

Catherine, John Phillips, and Mark Hallenbeck (DPW) met with consultant from California on color temperature issue. Overall lumen reduction, exposure time period, and spectrometer readings are some of the others factor that play a role. The Town will consider all these. Samples have been ordered in both 3000K and 4000K and spectrometer charts requested on the GE fixtures we are proposing to use.

- c. Energy Project update
- d. Energy / Recycling Plan

5. New Business

- a. Bright Idea Events – Light Bulb Swaps and EE Workshop Recap

Both light bulb swaps – huge success. Over 1000 people attended Bishops Corner and Elmwood. and over 5,000 LED bulbs were handed out. People were also buying more types on site. Eversource support was great. We still have about 3,000 bulbs leftover and could schedule another swap for Jan/New Years. Bishops Corner was better – good location.

Energy workshop attendance was low, 10-12 people. We forgot it was scheduled on Yom Kippur. Those who attended were interested. Max gave a great presentation on his mini-split

system. Presentations will be posted on website. Bernie could always do another presentation to coincide with 3rd light bulb swap.

b. Waste/Recycling– John Phillips, Director of Public Works

John Phillips, Director of Public Works and consultants from Waste Zero presented on the Town's plan to propose that West Hartford move to a Pay As You Throw (PAYT) system for residential waste collection. Currently, town residents pay for garbage collection as part of their taxes. Instead they would purchase special trash bags at local stores for a fee to cover the cost of disposal. Waste would be put in the special bag and then in the residential roll-off carts like normal. Data was presented that in EVERY single community where (PAYT) has been implemented residents like the system and waste has reduced by 40%-50%. A case study of Wooster, MA was presented. The presentation will be posted.

West Hartford is part of a pilot program funded by DEEP to study and implement PAYT in CT. John wanted to present the idea to the Task Force as an interested and potentially supportive group of stakeholders. The proposal will eventually need to go to Town Council.

c. Revision of Alternative Energy Ordinance – postponed

d. Charter Oak Presentation – Catherine – postponed

e. Microgrid video – Bernie – <http://www.clean-coalition.org/our-work/community-microgrids/> - postponed

6. Adjournment – 8:45 PM